Mr. President: Order, order. I have already said that questions about grazing grounds in other parts of the State do not arise as supplementary questions to this.

COCHIN TEXTILES—LANDS—OWNED BY—PARTICULARS OF

125. Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram):*

താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കു് ഗവണ്മെണ്ടു് ദയവായി മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) കൊച്ചിൻ ടെക്സ്റ്റൈൽസ്ലേക്കു ഇപ്പോൾ ആകെ എത്ര ഏക്കർ ഭൂമിയുണ്ടു്;

(ബി) ഈ ഭൂമികളെല്ലാം കമ്പനി വിലക്കു വാങ്ങിയതൊ ഗവണ്മെണ്ടിനോടാവശ്യപ്പെട്ടു ഏകപയർചെയ്തു എടുത്തതോ;

(സി) കമ്പനിക്കു ആസ്പത്രി ആവശ്യത്തിലേക്കുവേണ്ടി വിലക്കുവാങ്ങിയ ഭൂമി തരിശായി ഇട്ടു് ആസ്പത്രിക്കും മറ്റും ആവശ്യമാണെന്നു ഗവണ്മെണ്ടിനെ തെറ്റിദ്ധരിപ്പിച്ചു കമ്പനിക്കടുത്തുള്ള ഒരു ഈഴവന്റെ പറമ്പും താമസിക്കുന്ന വീടും അനവധി മറികളുള്ള പീടിക സ്ഥലങ്ങളും അകപയർ ചെയ്യിക്കുവാൻ ഗവണ്മെണ്ടിനോടു കമ്പനി ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടോ;

(ഡി) ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ ആ സംഗതിയിൽ ഗവണ്മെണ്ടു് എല്ലു നിലയാണു് എടുത്തിട്ടുള്ളതു്?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):*

(എ) [illegible] ഏക്കർ [illegible]/[illegible] സെന്റ ഭൂമിയുണ്ടു്.

(ബി) വിലക്കു വാങ്ങിയതാണു്.

(സി) കമ്പനി വിലക്കു വാങ്ങിയിട്ടുള്ള ഭൂമി ആസ്പത്രി പണിയുവാൻ പറ്റുന്നതല്ലാത്തതിനാൽ കമ്പനിയുടെ അടുത്തു എതുഭാഗത്തു കിടക്കുന്ന കുറച്ചു ഭൂമി അകപയർചെയ്തു കൊടുക്കുവാൻ ഗവണ്മെണ്ടിനോടു കമ്പനി ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടു്.

(ഡി) സ്ഥലം കമ്പനിക്കു ആസ്പത്രിയും മറ്റും പണിയുന്നതിനു ആവശ്യമാണെന്നു ഗവണ്മെണ്ടിനു ബോദ്ധ്യം വരികയാൽ അകപയർ ചെയ്യുന്നതിനുള്ള നടപടി നടത്തുന്നുണ്ടു്.

COMMUNAL ELECTORATES

126. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have come across a report from the correspondent at London of the "Indian Express" with the caption "Communal Electorates condemned" dated 29th July 1943;

(*b*) will Government be pleased to reconsider the wisdom of the policy of communal representation in the light of the experience of the rest of India and the report referred to in (*a*)?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The present system of electorate was adopted after carefully considering the report of the Franchise Committee. It is premature to introduce any change in the existing system.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know, Sir, whether the report of the Franchise Committee has preceded this article or was subsequent to that?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Certainly, the Franchise Committee report is much earlier,

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* In view of that answer, may I know whether the question will be reconsidered in the light in which it is suggested?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* It will be reconsidered when the new Franchise Committee, if one is formed, sits and considers.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* Are the Government aware that this paper is a bigeted Indian National Congress paper, the mouth-piece of that organisation?

Mr. President: Order, order.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether the reference to the franchise, the Frankenstine monster in that article, is applicable to the communal electorates existing in Cochin?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* It refers to communal electorates, without reference specially to Cochin or any other place.

Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram):* May I know whether in view of the famous communal award of the British Government and the opinion of the great Indian leaders like Mr. Jinna, Dr. Ambedkar and Sir Shanmugham the Government will be pleased to tighten up their policy in the matter of communal representation in the State?

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Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: Matters of policy cannot be answered on the spur of the moment. They require greater deliberation and will be considered in a proper manner.

Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram)*: May I know whether the Government have accepted the London correspondent of the Indian Express as their adviser on political and communal questions?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: Nothing of the sort.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: May I know when this Franchise Committee reported?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: 1935, or so.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: The Government have been pleased to state that it is premature to introduce any change. So, what is the period required for introducing a change. Now, 6 years are over.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: There is no fixed period necessary for this. It depends upon whether there has been a change in the attitude of the general public, or there has been a change outside the State. All these things will be considered.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: May I know whether the S.N.D.P. at that time passed a resolution protesting against the communal electorate?

Mr. President: Order, order. The answer to that question requires a certain amount of historical research.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: May I know whether the demands for communal electorates are increasing or decreasing in the State?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: We have not taken statistics.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Have you any information, regarding the demands for communal representation, whether it is increasing or decreasing?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: It is not possible to answer that question.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: May I know whether the Government have any idea of opening a new franchise or de-limitation question and enquire into this matter.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: Not at present.

RATIONING OF RICE AND KEROSENE

127. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakuuathukavu)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the order granting rations was left to depend upon the stock in hand in the Fair Price Shops and Depots or whether Government did place sufficient stock for the purpose at the disposal of the shops;

(*b*) whether Government are aware that from the morning of the 25th of Chingam there was not an ounce of kerosene oil of any kind in the depot of Vadakkancheri and the shops to be supplied by the depot;

(*c*) if the answer to (*b*) is in the affirmative, will Government be pleased to state wherein the responsibility for the failure of stock lies;

(*d*) if the failure is of the Supply Department will they (Government) be pleased to take note of this dereliction; and

(*e*) are Government aware of the actual absence of rice or paddy in shops on the 26th Chingam 1119?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*:

(*a*) Sufficient stock is being placed at the disposal of the depots and Fair Price Shops and shops of retailers.

(*b*) No. Excepting the retail shop of Mr. K. Viswanatha Ayyar, there was kerosene oil in all retail shops in the Vadakkancheri Town including the Fair Price Shop, Enkakad and the sub-depot, Vadakkancheri.

(*c*) The responsibilty lies with Mr. Viswanatha Ayyar with regard to his shop.

(*d*) See answer to (*c*).

(*e*) No.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: May I know whether the shop of Mr. Viswanatha Ayyar is to get supply from the Depot at Vadakkancheri?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: Yes.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: May I know whether there was stock in the Depot for supply to that shop?

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